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MEMORANDUM FOR: IHC Members

FROM: STAT
Chairman

SUBJECT: Opening of WEEDER Data Base as Part of CIRS IOC

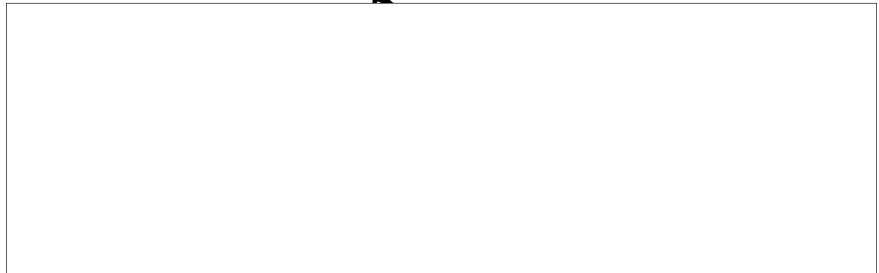
1. I am pleased to enclose herewith a copy of a letter to me from William H. Price, Department of State IHC member, dated Dec. 20, 1985, approving the opening of the WEEDER data base of State Cables to selected members of the Intelligence Community on a pilot basis. (Attachment A)

2. Under the terms of prior agreements between the Department of State and NSA, the file can now be opened to organizations included in the attached list (Attachment B). As previously specified by the Department of State, organizations on the attached list will determine the appropriate organizations and cleared individuals (TOP SECRET SI/TK minimum) to have access to State Cables in WEEDER. This access will be in accordance with control criteria previously specified by the Department of State. (Attachment C)

3. Access to the WEEDER data base by organizations other than NSA will be through the Community Information Retrieval System (CIRS) operating on the COINS Network. Accordingly, requests for access should be sent to NSA ATTN: T. Questions concerning access to WEEDER should be directed to T. Questions concerning COINS access should be addressed to the COINS PMO through your COINS representative.

4. I know that all of you join me in expressing appreciation to State, NSA and all those who have cooperated in making possible this significant step in the implementation of the CIRS plan. It is my hope that this will establish a precedent for the opening of additional databases to Community access.

Attachments:
As Stated



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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

December 20, 1985

**Chairman,
Information Handling Committee
Director of Central Intelligence
Room BW09
Washington, D.C. 20505**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The Department's Information Systems Security Staff (ISS) has completed the test of access controls developed for WEEDER and its file of State Department telegraphic traffic distributed electronically to NSA. These controls were based on criteria specified by the Director of the Operations Center, Executive Secretariat (S/S-O). They are contained in a letter to IHC dated October 6, 1983. After exercising these access controls and attempting to violate access denial features, ISS is satisfied that the S/S-O access criteria have been accurately implemented and that these controls can now be considered operational.

Therefore, State telegraphic traffic residing in WEEDER can now be opened for those intelligence community headquarters agencies specified in our letter of March 28, 1985. This list was approved by both INR and S/S-O, and as stated in earlier correspondence, the access will be considered a pilot with follow-up evaluation within six months.

I wish to thank the IHC staff for its coordination of this multi-agency project and its continuous tracking of status to insure satisfactory completion. I also wish to thank the NSA for their design and programming expertise and efforts to implement access controls. Additionally, thanks go to the COINS staff for their assistance on this important community project.

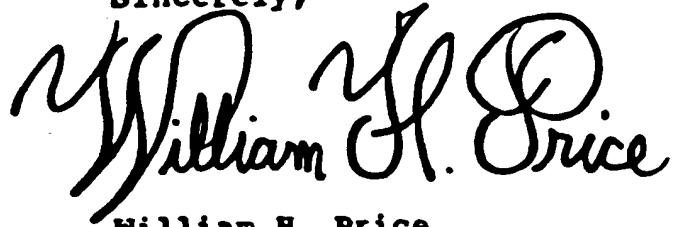
Although project progress has been cautious, we feel that there will be long term benefits from this effort. We are also delighted that providing third parties access to first party information through facilities of second parties is a major step forward in accomplishing the much needed sharing of information.

ATTACHMENT A

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We hope that this will contribute to successfully meeting the respective mission mandates of the agencies involved. We would also be delighted to see this accomplishment stimulate other community members to contribute using the same facilities and similar criteria.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William H. Price". The signature is written in a cursive style with large, flowing letters.

William H. Price
Department of State
Representative to the
Information Handling
Committee

ATTACHMENT A - Page 2

March 28, 1985

**Chairman,
Information Handling Committee
Director of Central Intelligence
Room BW09
Washington, D.C. 20505**

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In accordance with our Letter of Understanding, October 6, 1983, regarding access to State Department telegrams distributed electronically to NSA, attached is a list of central agencies in the intelligence community that can be provided on-line, secure access to the WEEDER System. These agencies may have access only to those messages that were previously distributed to the agency by the State Department. This is indicated by distribution symbols or direct addresses designated by the Department or its Diplomatic Mission originators.

Agencies on the attached list are currently responsible for determining internal distribution of State telegrams on a need-to-know basis. Using this principle, they will also determine the appropriate organizations and cleared individuals (TOP SECRET minimum) that will have access to State telegrams in WEEDER.

Mr. Lynn McNulty of the State Department Information Systems Security Staff (A/ISS) will assist in implementation and testing of WEEDER access controls, and will provide certification that they have met the criteria specified in our Letter of Understanding. After this certification, WEEDER may be opened for access to those organizations designated.

This access will be considered a pilot that will be evaluated within six months following operational status.

Sincerely,

**William H. Price
Department of State
Representative to the
Director of Central Intelligence,
Information Handling Committee**

Enclosure:

**Central Headquarters
Agencies Provided
Access to Weeder**

ATTACHMENT B

Clearances: INR/IL:WMcAfee WM

S/S-O:WGriffith W

A/ISS:LMcNulty LM

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS AGENCIES PROVIDED ACCESS TO WEEEDER**STATE DEPARTMENT*
DISTRIBUTION SYMBOL
AND
ADDRESS DESIGNATORS****ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION**

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| 1. State Department,
Intelligence and Research
(STATE-INR)
Washington, D.C. | All messages
SECSTATE |
| 2. Arms Control and Disarmament
Agency (ACDA) Washington, D.C. | ACDE-00
SECSTATE PASS ACDA |
| 3. Department of Justice, Federal
Bureau of Investigation (DOJ-FBI)
Washington, D.C. | FBIE-00
FIS WASHDC |
| 4. Department of Justice, Drug
Enforcement Administration
(DOJ-DEA) Washington, D.C. | DEAE-00
DEA HQ WASHDC |
| 5. Central Intelligence Agency
(CIA-HQ, CIA-NPIC, and
ICS-SIRVES) Langley, VA | CIAE-00
CIA WASHDC |
| 6. Defense Intelligence Agency,
Headquarters (DIA-HDQS)
Washington, D.C. | DODE-00
DIA WASHDC |
| 7. National Military Intelligence
Center (DIA-NMIC)
Washington, D.C. | DODE-00
DIA WASHDC FOR NMIC |
| 8. National Security Agency
(NSA-HQ, NSA-NSOC, and
NSA-REMOTE) Ft. Meade, MD | NSAE-00
DIRNSA |

*The organizational designator used for distribution consists of a three character symbol identifying the agency, an E indicating electronic distribution, and a 00 null value used internally to indicate the number of paper copies distributed to an organization. This string of seven characters and numbers is bounded by spaces and appears in an example for NSA as NSAE-00.

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520



October 6, 1983

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**Chairman
Information Handling Committee
Director of Central Intelligence
Room BW09
Washington, D.C. 20505**

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The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Coordination, Bureau of Intelligence and Research has coordinated, with the appropriate offices, the IHC request to provide intelligence community access to State cables in the WEEDER system. The attached criteria for access has been reviewed and approved by the Director of the Operations Center (S/S-O). The Director has also requested that a terminal accessing WEEDER be installed in the Operations Center to support the Executive Secretariat. We are prepared to discuss the access criteria with NSA and those who will be responsible for implementing these controls in the WEEDER system.

Sincerely,

**William H. Price
Department of State
Representative to the
Director of Central Intelligence,
Information Handling Committee**

Enclosure:

**Control Criteria for
Access to Department
of State Telecommunications.**

ATTACHMENT C

September 21, 1983

MEMORANDUM

TO: S/S-O - Mr. Adriaen Morse
FROM: INR/INC - Mr. Dennis Kux
SUBJECT: Access to State Telecommunications
Residing in WEEDER

Attached is a re-draft of control criteria for access to State telecommunications by other members of the intelligence community. It addresses the issues which were discussed in our previous meeting with representatives from INR and A. After this criteria is cleared, we plan on meeting with the NSA representatives responsible for implementation.

Attachment:

As stated.

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**CONTROL CRITERIA FOR ACCESS TO
DEPARTMENT OF STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

1. Access to Department of State telecommunications residing in the WEEDER text base, is authorized only for central and headquarters agencies of the intelligence community.

The Department of State will furnish a list of agencies that are authorized access along with related distribution and addressee symbols used by the Department.

2. Access to individual telecommunications and to related references will be dependent on original distribution made by the Department.

Text of telecommunications and associated bibliographic references can be accessed, viewed, or printed only if the accessing agency is shown on a message as receiving Department distribution. If an agency is not shown for distribution, access to messages and their references will be denied. The count of relevant messages answering a search query will exclude messages for which access is denied.

3. When access criteria are met for EXDIS and LIMDIS telecommunications, the limitation "ORCON -- Release to third parties or inclusion in reporting must be approved by Department of State" will be displayed on the screen as well as printed copy.
4. Individuals authorized access by central agencies must have current clearances at the level required for COINS access.
5. Inquiries for direct retrieval by message number, as well as for retrieval by subject and other types of searches, must be saved to provide a record of all access to State Department telecommunications. These inquiry records must reflect at minimum the time of access, the user, parent agency, and contents of the search statement. The data maintained for each inquiry must be sufficient to enable reconstruction of actual telecommunications that were accessed.
6. All terminals accessing Department telecommunications must be protected in accordance with TEMPEST requirements and located in secure, controlled access areas. Personal and micro computers, with internal program execution capabilities, cannot be used for access.
7. Remote access will be through secure telecommunications channels approved by NSA for transmission of National security information.

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8. The host computer system will be accredited by the operating component in accordance with the provisions of DCIP 1/16. The Department will be furnished with a copy of the accreditation documentation.

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